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SUBJ: SECRETARY' S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT: PORTION
ON SYRIA (1972)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND USE, FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF
SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT DEALING WITH SYRIA.

QUOTE:

DIPLOMATIC TIES HAVE NOT BEEN RESUMED BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND SYRIA, WHERE ITALY REPRESENTS OUR INTERESTS.
OUR RELATIONS WITH SYRIA WERE FURTHER STRAINED IN 1972 BY
THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF SEVERAL AMERICAN CITIZENS,
INCLUDING THE ASSISTANT U. S. MILITARY ATTACHE IN JORDAN.

THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT STILL DOES NOT ACCEPT UN SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AS A BASIS FOR AN ARAB- ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT. THE INTENSITY OF THE SYRIAN- ISRAELI CLASHES
ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS CEASE- FIRE LINE IN THE FALL OF 1972
WAS A DISURBING ELEMENT. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT SYRIAN
REGIME HAS GENERALLY FOLLOWED POLICIES MORE MODERATE THAN
THOSE OF ITS PREDECESSOR. THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING
CONTACT BETWEEN SYRIAN AND U. S. FIRMS DURING THE PAST YEAR,
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END QUOTE. ROGERS

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